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BRITISH TEENAGER RADUCANU SCRIPTS HISTORY AT US OPEN

The 18-year-old beat Leylah Fernandez to become the first qualifier ever (male or female) to win a Grand Slam

RADUCANU DIDN'T DROP A SINGLE SET

By beating Canadian 19-year-old Leylah Fernandez (left pic) 6-4, 6-3 in the final at Arthur Ashe Stadium on Saturday, Raducanu ensured that she went through the whole tournament without losing a single set. The last woman to achieve that remarkable feat at the US Open was the legendary Serena Williams, who did so in 2014

YOUNGEST SLAM CHAMP SINCE SHARAPOVA

The British teenager, who is two months shy of her 19th birthday, has become the youngest to win a Grand Slam since Maria Sharapova's triumph at Wimbledon in 2004 as a 17-year-old. Having started the tournament ranked 150th in the world, the victory will see her rise swiftly to become World No 23

44 YRS

FIRST SLAM WIN FOR A BRITISH WOMAN SINCE VIRGINIA WADE IN 1977

Land conversion will soon take just 24 hrs

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

STATING that the revenue department will bring in changes that could give a boost to the real estate sector and help farmers trying to get their agricultural land converted to residential or commercial purposes, Revenue Minister R Ashoka said that the time taken for conversion of land will be reduced from around four-six months

currently to 24 hours.

Ashoka told The New Indian Express, "It is a serious issue for many farmers. We have held ten meetings to simplify the entire procedure. There have been several complaints about inordinate delays in converting agricultural land. The newly worked out plan is to make this process simple and reduce the time taken by different officers and departments."

Now, as per procedure, the revenue department sends the application for land conversion from the deputy commissioner to the planning authority, the file then moves to all land acquisition officers, further to the tahsildar, then to the revenue inspector and finally to the village accountant. By the time the land gets converted, it takes around six months and needs a multiplicity of reports, Ashoka said, adding that an amendment needs to be passed to change the present system.

On other changes, Ashoka said, "There are many instances of khata updation not being done and Pouthi-inheritance not carried out properly. We are working out a procedure to ensure that Pouthi creation is made easier."

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Greenhorn Patel to be new chief minister of Gujarat

Protégé of UP Governor Anandiben Patel, he will take oath of office and secrecy today; first-term MLA, he has no ministerial experience

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI

FORGET the short list, he was not even on the speculated long list to become outgoing chief minister Vijay Rupani's successor. The BJP on Sunday pulled a rabbit out of the hat by giving the chief ministerial baton to political greenhorn Bhupendra Patel, a first-term MLA with no ministerial experience.

Seen as a protégé of UP Governor Anandiben Patel, he represents her Ghatlodia seat in the Assembly. Patel, 59, later met Governor Acharya Devvrat along with Rupani to take stake his claim for the hot seat. He is also associated with a couple of Patidar outfits as well. A civil engineer by qualification and builder by profession, he will take the oath of office and secrecy on Monday.

The soft-spoken, low profile Patel will now lead the state BJP to polls in 2022. "The selection of Bhupendra Patel is a master stroke of Anandiben Patel. The BJP has killed many birds with one stone. It is also to checkmate Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel because



Bhupendra Patel will take oath as CM. Only the CM will be sworn in tomorrow. The new cabinet will be formed after consultation with senior leaders in a couple of days

C R Patil, BJP state president

mittee meeting before it was taken up at the BJP legislature party meeting.

The proposal to elevate Bhupendra Patel was moved by Rupani, after which almost all lawmakers fell in line. Most of the 112 MLAs of the party in the 182-member Assembly were present at the meeting. However, Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel, who was in the race for chief ministership, left the meeting without making any statement, while BJP's state unit president C R Patil had earlier said he was not a contender for the top post.

In Uttarakhand too, the BJP chose Pushkar Singh Dhami as chief minister though he had no ministerial experience.

Patel will be the first-ever CM from Ahmedabad. He won the 2017 Assembly elections from Ghatlodia, defeating Congress candidate Shashikant Patel by a margin of over one lakh votes, the highest winning margin in that election. His Assembly constituency is part of the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha seat represented by Union minister Amit Shah.

Session begins today; Siddu, DKS to ride bullock carts

DEVARAJ B HIREHALI @ Bengaluru

AS the ten-day monsoon session of Karnataka legislature kicks off on Monday, opposition parties, especially the Congress, plans to corner the Basavaraj Bommai government on price rise of essential commodities, handling of the Covid situation, lack of vaccine supplies, National Education Policy and other issues.

The government, on the other hand, plans to get 18 bills passed during the session, including the all-important amendment to the Karnataka Police Act, 1963, to ban online gambling. Asked if the time allotted for the session was enough, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy said, "Ten days of session is sufficient to discuss the issues, provided the opposition does not disrupt the proceedings and stages a walkout."

On the first day of the session, Leader of Opposition and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president DK Shivakumar are planning to arrive at Vidhana Soudha on bullock carts to make a dramatic point about the increase in fuel prices.

The opposition has also planned to rake up law and order problem in the coastal region over religious issues and alleged sexist remarks of Home Minister Araga Jnanendra in the Mysuru college girl's rape case.



A TEST OF TIME AND HOPE

Students and their parents at a National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) examination centre in Bengaluru on Sunday. According to data, over 95% registered candidates appeared for NEET at over 3,800 centres across India | NAGARAJA GADHAL

DEATH IN 30 DAYS OF POSITIVE TEST TO GET COVID STAMP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE demise of any person within 30 days of being detected Covid-positive at hospital or home shall be treated as Covid death irrespective of co-morbidities for issuing a death certificate, according to the latest guidelines framed by the Centre.

The guidelines shared with the Supreme Court came after the court's June 30 verdict, which had sought clear steps to simplify the norms for issuance and correction of death certificates and official documents. The certificates must state upfront the exact cause of death, that is, 'death due to Covid', to enable dependents to get benefits of welfare schemes, the SC had directed.

To determine the benchmark, the Centre's affidavit cited a study by Indian Council of Medical Research, which found

Grievance redressal

A committee will be set up at the district level to deal with grievances if the next of kin of the deceased is not satisfied with the cause of death given in the certificate. The panel has to dispose the plaint of within 30 days

that 95% of deaths take place within 25 days of being tested Covid positive. "To make the scope broader and more inclusive, deaths occurring within 30 days from the date of testing or from the date of being clinically determined as a COVID-19 case, will be treated as 'deaths due to COVID-19, even if the death takes place outside the hospital/ in-patient facility.'"

Also, Covid cases admitted in hospital/in-patient facility who continued as the same admission beyond 30 days and later died, shall be treated as Covid deaths.

"Deaths occurring due to poi-

soning, suicide, homicide and deaths due to accident, among others, will not be considered Covid deaths even if Covid is an accompanying condition," the guidelines added.

Those unsatisfied with the death certificate can submit a petition to a committee that would include an additional district collector, the chief medical officer of health and a subject matter expert, for issuing of the 'Official Document for Covid Death', the guidelines further stated.

NATIONWIDE	SEPT 11	SEPT 12
Fresh cases	33,376	28,591
Recoveries	32,198	34,848
Deaths	308	338
KARNATAKA	SEPT 11	SEPT 12
Fresh cases	801	803
Recoveries	1,142	802
Deaths	15	17

EXPRESS READ

Flight with Karandlaje on board develops snag

Bengaluru: An Alliance Air flight with Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shobha Karandlaje on board returned to the parking bay before take-off, following a technical snag at the Kempegowda International Airport here on Sunday. The ATR 72-600 flight, 91 517, from Bengaluru to Hyderabad, which was scheduled to depart at 6.45 pm, suffered a snag, a statement issued by the minister's office said. Another flight was arranged by the airline to fly the passengers, including the minister, to Hyderabad. The flight had 34 passengers on board | P2

Goods truck rams into utility vehicle, 8 dead

Chikkaballapur: Eight people were killed when a goods truck rammed into the utility vehicle they were travelling in, near Madikere Cross on Madanpalle-Chintamani Road in the district. While five died on the spot, three succumbed in hospital | P5

Rowdy hacked to death inside football stadium

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a shocking murder that was committed in broad daylight, a rowdy-sheeter was chased and hacked to death by a gang of armed assailants inside a referee's room at the Bangalore Football Stadium in Ashoknagar on Sunday afternoon.

Following the murder, the Karnataka State Football Association's (KSFA) Sporting Planet Trophy Prospective Women's 'A' Division league — the second match of which was about to commence at 4 pm when the shocking incident occurred — was postponed by a few days.

The rowdy-sheeter was identified as 26-year-old Aravind alias Lee (26), a resident of New Bagalur Layout. The police have formed two special teams and have launched a hunt for the killers.

The police said Aravind was part of a local football team and had come to play six-a-side tournament at the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) ground

right opposite the KSFA Stadium. After the match, he was drinking juice with his friends by the roadside when the gang attacked him. Trying to escape, Aravind ran across the road into the KSFA Stadium and went into the stands. But the assailants chased him inside the stadium.

"Aravind escaped from the stands too and got into a referee's room before locking himself inside. The

gang, however, broke open the door and hacked him to death with deadly weapons. They immediately escaped from the spot," the police said. The police are verifying the CCTV footage to identify the killers. DCP (Central) MN Anucheth said a murder case has been registered at the Ashoknagar police station and two special teams have been formed to nab the assailants.

Aravind was a rowdy sheeter of Bharathi Nagar police station and had 13 cases, including two attempts-to-murder, registered against him at various police stations.



SYLLABUS ROW

Why oppose univ chapters on RSS icons, asks Tharoor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @TPuram

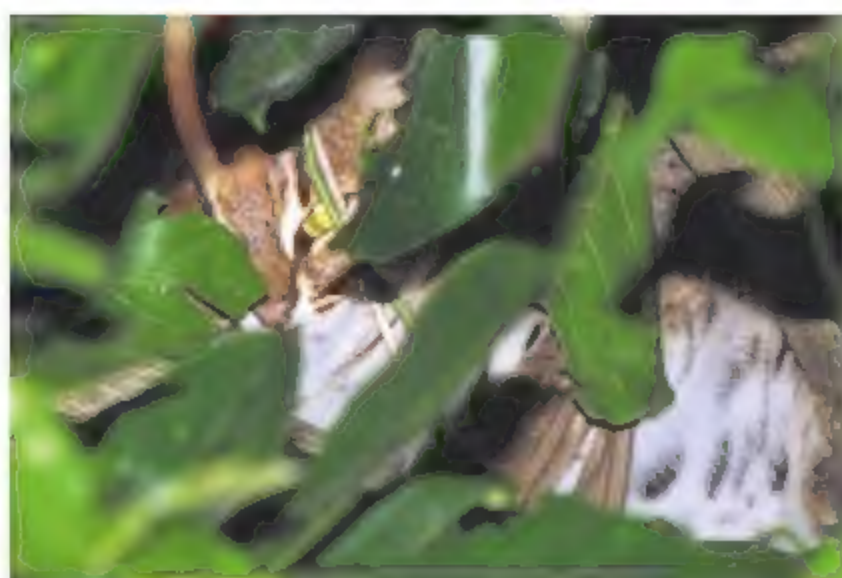
CONGRESS leader Shashi Tharoor on Sunday came out in support of the controversial Kannur University syllabus that includes chapters on RSS ideologues V D Savarkar and M S Golwalkar.

"What is the point of going to universities if you want to read only what you like?" Tharoor asked. The reaction from the flamboyant Thiruvananthapuram MP considered the intellectual face of the Congress, comes at a time when the party's leaders in the state have taken up cudgels against the Sangh Parivar for the inclusion of RSS ideologues in the syllabus for the post-graduate students of Kannur University.

Tharoor, a celebrated author and orator, recalled that he had quoted at length on Veer Savarkar and M S Golwalkar in his books and then refuted them. The Congress' member of Parliament said it is foolish to believe that ignorance of someone's ideas will help one defeat them.

"Some friends disapprove of my stand that academic freedom requires us to read, understand & debate every point of view, including those we disagree with. If we don't read Savarkar & Golwalkar, on what basis will we oppose their ideas?" #KannurUniversity also teaches Gandhi & Tagore. Intellectual freedom is far too important a value in our society to be sacrificed at the altar of party politics," he tweeted.

Governor Arif Mohammed Khan had also supported the Kannur University for introducing the chapters on Saturday, though the move drew flak from senior Congress leader V M Sudheeran.



TINY MEOW...

A rusty-spotted cat, captured on camera hiding in thick foliage, at an undisclosed location of Devarayanadurga forest area in Tumakuru district recently. One of the smallest members of the feline family, the animal is listed as an endangered species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature | PCL: VIPIN BOY | P5

Mental gymnastics for honing students' skills

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

AS he kept climbing the academic ladder abroad, Mohammad Sajid Hussain (35) realised how outdated the one-way dissemination of knowledge from teacher to students through monologue was. He figured that was why his fellow students back home fell off the knowledge radar.

So, Sajid quit his high-flying job at the National Aerospace Laboratory (NAL), returned to Chitarpur, his village in Jharkhand, to start a Schoolium — a portmanteau word coined by combining school

and gymnasium — to change the way the underprivileged were taught. Seven years on, Schoolium has turned into a resource centre for schools attempting to emulate its experiential learning model. Sajid claimed his model has been adopted by over 120 government and private schools in Gumla, Palamu, Koderma, Hazaribagh, Ramgarh, Jamshedpur, Dhanbad and even in some districts of Bihar.

At Schoolium, instructors make students exercise their

brains through practical lessons, similar to the way physical workouts build body muscles. This teaching methodology is called Maker Oriented Pedagogy (MOP), which is a play-based learning system seeking to make children problem solvers through practical life lessons.

Recalling how lack of support from their school stopped many of his classmates from realising their true potential, Sajid said: "I returned to my village to change the learning process. Things here are not in tune



with the technological transitions across the world. I want the learning process in rural areas to be vibrant." Sajid studied at a madarsa till class VI, before joining Chitarpur High School. After doing his Masters from IIT, he went to Germany to earn his PhD and returned to India in 2012, when he landed the NAL job.

His exposure to varied teaching models made him realise that a combination of poor academic condition and lack of access to educational infrastructure was the reason behind students failing to realise their full potential. CONTINUED ON: P8